

Mermaid Hoax? Animal Planet Fake Documentary Angers Duped Viewers [REACTION TWEETS]

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Animal Planet depicts a pod of mermaids traveling together (PHOTO: YOUTUBE.COM)

An Animal Planet faux-documentary on mermaids, "Mermaids: The New Evidence," has angered some viewers, who feel they were fooled by the hoax's realistic-looking production techniques. The special was a follow-up to last year's "docufiction" special "Mermaids: The Body Found," which proved a ratings hit with the cable channel, and this year's follow-up garnered about 3.6 million viewers. It played it straight for nearly the entire duration of the special before revealing that what viewers had been watching was fictive. Some viewers took to Twitter to express their indignation, including some who appear to take exception to the implication that mermaids were in fact not real.

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"So I'm pretty sure that government didn't want people to know about mermaids so they covered it up by calling it a 'hoax' on the news," wrote one.

Others seemed to feel they'd wasted their time.

"spent 3 hours last night watching all the mermaid stuff and come to find out this morning on the news its all a hoax...wtf?" wrote one user.

"#AnimalPlanet. You are dead to me. You got me on your little "Mermaid"